

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

**Spring 2004 Sanctuary Advisory Council Recruitment
for representatives of
Public At-Large, Tourism, Research and Commercial Fishing**

The National Marine Sanctuary Program regards the involvement of communities and the development of a stewardship ethic as vitally important to successfully conserve sanctuary resources. An important way to achieve this involvement is through the operation of a Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC). SAC members serve as ambassadors between the sanctuary staff and the various communities and users adjacent to its boundary. They actively engage their constituencies and work with the Sanctuary staff to resolve issues and concerns. As such, we are looking for highly motivated people who are able and willing to volunteer their time to help us reach out and work constructively with the diverse interests, users and communities that have a stake in the resources of the Sanctuary.

General Commitment/Expectations:

- 1) Sanctuary Advisory Council members serve two-year terms as volunteers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and are not paid. If necessary, travel expenses to and from meeting locations may be reimbursed.
- 2) Attend regularly scheduled SAC meetings. Meetings are typically scheduled every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), and usually last from 4 to 8 hours during the day on weekdays. Occasional evening sessions and additional meetings may also be scheduled. Meetings are held in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.
- 3) SAC members are expected to actively reach out and communicate to the various constituencies and groups they represent within and adjacent to the Sanctuary. This includes communicating Sanctuary issues and policies to constituents and bringing issues and concerns to the attention of the SAC and the Sanctuary.
- 4) Attend and participate in SAC Working Group and Subcommittee meetings, as necessary, to gain additional knowledge and discuss specific issues important to their constituencies.

Specific Requirements for Open Seats:

Public At-Large (alternate)

- Familiarity with communities close to the Sanctuary
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding marine management and resource protection issues in the sanctuary
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding public uses and activities in the sanctuary
- Freedom to express views and cast votes independent of the expectations held by an employer, constituency or other organization to which the member is affiliated

Tourism

- Familiarity and affiliation with the coastal and marine tourism industry in communities near the Sanctuary
- Understanding of the links between tourism, Sanctuary resources and human activities
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the coastal and marine tourism industry

Research

- Affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations active in the Sanctuary region;
- Ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and scientists;
- Experience, ability, and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the goals of the Sanctuary and the mission of the SAC; and
- Commitment and availability of time to chair a SAC Research Working Group.

Commercial Fishing

- Knowledge of and/or experience with commercial fishing within the Sanctuary region
- Knowledge of and/or experience with various commercial fishing activities, organizations and businesses in the Sanctuary region
- Knowledge of laws, policies and practices affecting commercial fishing within the Sanctuary
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively and build agreements with key representatives from local commercial fishing communities